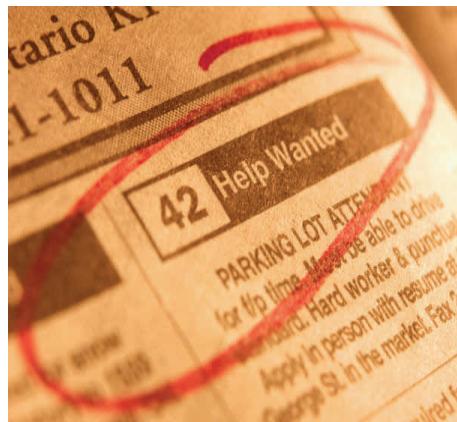




# NC-TOPPS SNAPSHOT

## Employment among Adult Consumers

Employment is a common goal among many adults in treatment. The state's public system also acknowledges the benefits of employment and has made the improvement of consumer outcomes related to education and employment a strategic objective. This snapshot explores how individuals diagnosed with mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring condition differ in terms of educational level, legal involvement and employment history.



<b>Demographics.</b>	Mental Health (At Intake) N = 24,391	Substance Abuse N = 8,451	Co-occurring N = 6,236
Caucasian Females	36%	22%	30%
African Am Females	23%	15%	17%
Other Females	4%	2%	2%
Caucasian Males	21%	31%	31%
African Am Males	14%	25%	18%
Other Males	2%	5%	2%
Top Diagnoses	Major Depression Schizophrenia	Drug Dependence Alcohol Dependence	Drug Dependence Major Depression

**Chart Description.** The chart to the right provides a statewide glimpse of the employment history of three adult consumer populations— those diagnosed with a mental health (MH) disorder, substance abuse (SA) disorder, or both (co-occurring).

**Mental Health Only.** Of the three groups, consumers with a mental health condition had the lowest percentage of those persons in the labor force and under correctional supervision.

**Substance Abuse only.** In contrast, consumers with only a substance abuse condition reported the highest percentage of persons in the labor force and under correctional supervision.

**Co-Occurring.** Interestingly the percentage of persons in the labor force with a co-occurring condition was in between mental health and substance abuse only consumers. This trend was also observed for the correctional supervision measure.

**Overall.** Females comprised more of the mental health group (63%) , while males comprised more of the substance abuse group (61%). Each subgroup had a disproportionate percentage of consumers who were unemployed (seeking work). The co-occurring group had the highest unemployment rate.

Type of Diagnosis			
	Mental Health N = 24,391	Substance Abuse N = 8,451	Co-Occurring N = 6,236
Level of Education is at least a HS Diploma/GED	58%	61%	59%
Under correctional supervision	5%	33%	19%
In the labor force	48%	76%	66%
Of those in the labor force:			
Employed full-time	19%	28%	18%
Employed part-time	21%	14%	15%
Unemployed (seeking work)	60%	58%	67%
Of those working:			
Supported Employment	10%	13%	9%
Transitional Employment	7%	5%	8%

TIME PERIOD: INITIAL ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED JULY 1, 2007 – MAY 31, 2008

SOURCE: NC-TOPPS ADULT MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE ONLY & CO-OCCURRING CONSUMERS REPORTS – STATEWIDE

\* This report excludes methadone consumers.